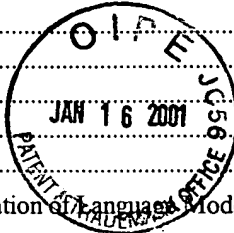


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Application Serial No. 09/607,786
Filing Date 6/30/2000
Inventorship Wang et al.
Applicant Microsoft Corporation
Attorney's Docket No. MS1-441US
Title: A System and Method for Joint Optimization of Language Model Performance and Size



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1. Transmittal letter including Certificate of Mailing
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$270.
■ \$270 for 15 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1090.

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Application Number 09/607,786
 Filing Date 6/30/2000
 First Named Inventor Gao
 Examiner Name _____
 Group Art Unit _____
 Attorney Docket No. MSI-44/US

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- Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

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Code (\$)	Code (\$)	Code (\$)	Code (\$)	Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	710	201	355		Utility filing fee	<u>710</u>
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107	490	207	245		Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355		Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75		Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)710⁰⁰**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims 35 -20** = 15 X 18 = 270
 Independent Claims -3** = X =
 Multiple Dependent =

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103	18	203	9		Claims in excess of 20	
102	80	202	40		Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	270	204	135		Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	80	209	40		** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	210	9		** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

SUBTOTAL (2)

(\$)270⁰⁰

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105 130 205 65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	<u>130⁰⁰</u>
127 50 227 25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130 139 130		Non-English specification	
147 2,520 147 2,520		For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112 920* 112 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840* 113 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110 215 55		Extension for reply within first month	
116 390 216 195		Extension for reply within second month	<u>890</u>
117 890 217 445		Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,390 218 695		Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,890 228 945		Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 310 219 155		Notice of Appeal	
120 310 220 155		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 270 221 135		Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510 138 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110 240 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,240 241 620		Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,240 242 620		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 440 243 220		Design issue fee	
144 600 244 300		Plant issue fee	
122 130 122 130		Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50 123 50		Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126 180 126 180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40 581 40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 710 246 355		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149 710 249 355		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179 710 279 355		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169 900 169 900		Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)1020⁰⁰**SUBMITTED BY**

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Date

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